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Democratic and Republican Primary elections held

Coffee County nominates candidates

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County experienced a low voter turnout for the Democratic and Republican Primary elections Tuesday, June 4, with 7,200 total ballots cast. Of that number, 4,554 ballots were cast in the Democratic Primary election and 2,644 ballots were cast in the Republican Primary election.

The Coffee County Sheriff's race appeared to be the hottest item on the ballot with 6,732 votes cast.

In the Democratic Primary, the sheriff's race received 4,430 votes with incumbent Ben Moates finishing ahead of his challenger, R.W. "Ronnie" Whitworth by 226 votes. Moates received 2,328 votes and Whitworth received 2,102 votes.

The Republican Primary also found the sheriff's race to be close with Wesley DeVane and Ricky Barnes competing for the party's nomination. There were 2,353 votes cast in this race with Barnes winning by a margin of 275 votes. Barnes finished with 1,314 votes compared to DeVane's 1,039 votes.

The race for Coffee County Revenue Commissioner was a close one in the Democratic Primary between Deane Farris and Bob Helms. There were 4,234 votes cast in this race with only 154 votes separating the two candidates after all ballots were counted. Farris took this race with 2,194 votes compared to 2,040 votes for Helms.

In the Republican Primary, incumbent Ronnie Burns was nominated as the candidate for the November General election. Burns received 1,516 votes compared to 981 votes for his challenger, Deborah A. Sims.

The Coffee County Board of Education District One seat was settled in the Republican Primary with Keith Ward defeating his challenger Larry Dickey. Ward received 201 votes, and Dickey received 115 votes.

As for the Democratic Primary for the Coffee County Board of Education District One seat, there will be a runoff between Tom Dyess and Charles Walker. Dyess led the vote on Tuesday by the slimmest of margins with 460 as compared to 453 votes for Walker. Carlton

Grant received 131 votes. The runoff election between Dyess and Walker will be Tuesday, June 25. This is the only county election that will require a runoff later this month.

Another matter of interest was the proposed statewide Amendment No. 1, in which Coffee County showed an overwhelming support with 4,452 people voting yes and 2,029 voting no. Although the final outcome was unknown at press time, the statewide results appeared to be following suit with the Coffee County results on this matter.

At press time, the statewide election results had not been finalized, but a list is presented below to indicate how the voters of Coffee County cast their ballots on Tuesday.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Coffee County Sheriff:	
Ben Moates.....	2328
R.W. Whitworth.....	2102
Coffee County Revenue Commissioner:	
Donnie Farris.....	2194
Bob Helms.....	2040
Coffee County Board of Education, District 1:	
Tom Dyess.....	460
Charles Walker.....	453
Governor:	
Charles Bishop.....	1054
Blake W. Harper, III.....	42
Gladys Riddle.....	82
Don Siegelman.....	2979
Mark "Rodeo Clown" Townsend.....	95
U.S. Senator:	
Julian McPhillips.....	1725
Susan Parker.....	1745
Wayne Sowell.....	484
Secretary of State:	
Chris Pitts.....	751
Steve Segrest.....	857
Nancy L. Worley.....	1955
State Treasurer:	
Stephen Black.....	839
Greg Foster.....	721
Carol Jean Smith.....	1964
State Auditor:	
Debbie Tucker Corbett.....	643
Earl Mack "Choo-Choo" Gawn.....	233
Carolyn Gibson.....	1863
Karen Haiden Jackson.....	599
Jerry Morgan Nelson, Jr.....	318
Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries:	
Nathan Mathis.....	2256
Ron Sparks.....	1186
Jacky R. Warhurst.....	282
State Board of Education:	

District No. 2:

Ronnie Reed.....1190

Charlotte Kirkland

Williams.....2422

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Coffee County Sheriff:

Ricky Barnes.....1314

Wesley DeVane.....1039

Coffee County Revenue

Commissioner:

Ronnie Burns.....1516

Deborah A. Sims.....981

Coffee County Board of

Education, District No. 1:

Larry Dickey.....115

Keith Ward.....201

Governor:

Tim James.....434

Bob Riley.....1565

Steve Windom.....596

U.S. Senator:

Bill Armistead.....1668

Cheryl Ann Bahakel.....589

Associate Justice of the

Supreme Court:

Randal S. Ford.....600

Harold See.....1651

NOTICE

The Primary Run-off Election will be held Tuesday, June 25 with the General Election to be held Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Elba fly-in scheduled for Saturday, June 8

WINGNUTS AVIATION, The City of Elba, and Chapter 351 of the EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION (EAA) have scheduled a FLY-IN on June 8th at the Elba, Alabama Airport.

The EAA is an organization of aviation enthusiasts with a national headquarter in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. This group of people are all aviation lovers who frequently get together to rebuild historic aircraft, build new "homebuilt" aircraft, or do just about anything related to building or flying aircraft. The EAA has several hundred thousand members in the USA and around the world.

The Elba FLY-IN is simply a gathering of aviation enthusiasts who fly their aircraft into the host airport to get together for a day of aviation activities. There will definitely be some flying going on, but this is not an air show and no aerobatic flying will be conducted. These people come to enjoy a common interest in aviation and talk about airplanes. Many do not own airplanes or even fly. They just come because they are enchanted with airplanes and flying. For young people age 8 thru 17, there will be a YOUNG EAGLES program

where they can sign up for a free orientation flight with our highly qualified and licensed pilots.

We expect to have several ULTRA-LIGHT aircraft in attendance. These are very light aircraft that are built by the owners. They do not require registration by the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA), nor do they require a license to fly.

We also expect to have homebuilt aircraft (some that are still being built) that are registered with the FAA in the EXPERIMENTAL aircraft category. The word experimental here does not necessarily mean that there is any experimenting in progress. Experimental means only that the aircraft has not been fully flight tested or certified by the FAA as a commercially built aircraft. It is built, or rebuilt by the owner and flight tested by him or her. The FAA does get involved by ensuring that the experimental aircraft is inspected by an FAA licensed mechanic and inspector. Also, a pilots license is required to fly a registered experimental aircraft. Some historic or military aircraft that do not meet the FAA certification requirements are registered as experimental. These experimental aircraft may be

LIGHTER THAN AIR "balloons", GLIDERS, HELICOPTERS, AIRPLANES OR SEAPLANES with one or more engines.

The public is invited to come out between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to participate and learn more about aviation. Pancakes will be available for breakfast and lunch will also be available.

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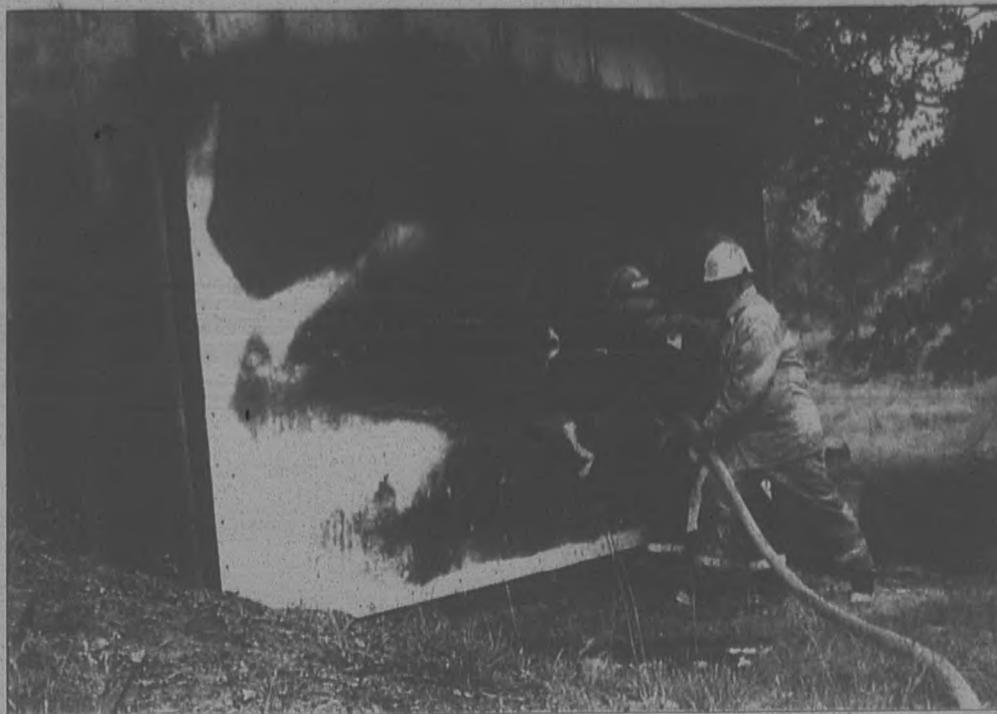
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SHOP FIRE The woodworking shop of Fairlan Mobley, County Road 216 in North Coffee County, went up in flames Tuesday afternoon during a severe thunderstorm. He had been working in the shop earlier but went into his adjacent home as the electrical storm approached. Volunteer fire fighters from Five Star Zion Chapel and New Brockton responded to the fire alarm. Tanker trucks from each unit was kept busy hauling water to the site of the fire. While the shop was expected to be a total loss, firefighters were concerned that the flames might spread to Mobley's home, only a few feet away. Efforts by the volunteers prevented this from happening.

Coffee County BOE receives unitary status report

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram provided the members of the Coffee County Board of Education with the annual report concerning Unitary Status last Tuesday evening, May 28, during a called meeting of the board.

System-wide, Ingram said there are 139 certificated teachers with 123 of those being White, 12 being African American and four being American Indian. She said this is an 88.45 percent to 11.51 percent ratio. Also, the system has 20 coaches with 16 being White, three being African American and one being American Indian.

This represents an 80 to 20 percent ratio.

In reference to non-certificated personnel, Ingram said the school system employs 92 non-certificated people in which 76 are White, 14 are African American and two are American Indian. She said this represents an 82.61 percent to 16.39 percent ratio.

Overall, Ingram said, the minority "employee" ratio exceeds that of the minority student ratio which is 7.5 percent.

However, board member Rubin McKinnon noted a potential problem he sees in regards to unitary status.

"We have a problem in the county school system with no African American working in the head office," McKinnon said.

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Therefore, based on enrollment and the delay in receiving funds, she said it was her recommendation to close one kindergarten class at Zion Chapel, New Brockton and Kinship, as well as one third grade class at Zion Chapel. Then, she said she can use class size reduction funds to open these classes when the federal funds are received.

This discussion led board members into personnel changes in which the board approved the following upon Ingram's recommendation:

Kinston High School - Certificated

Non-renew Stan Gooden; special education teacher and coach at Kinston High School.

Kinston Elementary School - Certificated

Voluntarily transfer Shan Sessions from second grade teacher at Kinston Elementary School to first grade teacher at Kinston Elementary School.

New Brockton High School - Certificated

Non-renew Edith Nelson; social studies teacher at New Brockton High School.

Transfer Rena Turner from her position as special education teacher and speech pathologist based at New Brockton High School to the position of county-wide special education teacher and speech pathologist to be based at Kinston High School.

Grant tenure to Brad Smith.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

By the time you are reading this, all the experts will be telling you why a particular candidate did or did not win in Tuesday's primary election. It is interesting to see the results and also listen to the opinions on why it happened. Sometimes we agree, but often times our opinion differs from that of the experts. Unfortunately (at least for whatever benefit it might bring) this is all just opinions and ours is just as valid as that of the self-ordained political experts.

Tuesday morning several of us coffee drinkers were discussing the various candidates and of course were not unanimous in our choices. We commented that occasionally we get a little upset that others don't see things exactly as we do on a particular race but not often. Normally our positions are one of gratitude that we can live in a country where two people can openly express differing opinions without fear of being shot, jailed, etc. Usually most of us can continue our friendship on the level it was before politics were mentioned. Of course if someone wants to vote exactly like we do, upon our recommendation, then that person will be an even better friend than he or she was before. That is just human nature!

The national news media continues their quest to blame someone in America for the 9-11 disasters. This is causing the general public to get all these warnings (rumors) from the government of pending dangers that we can't pinpoint a location or time for; can't really confirm that the rumor spreader had any idea what he or she was talking about. . . . the list goes on and on. Before any of us panics over these rumors, listen to people who have worked in that area for many years. They are saying that such rumors of violence are routine. They need to be heard, their words need to be cataloged, etc. and if enough can be put together to make a case. . . . then take some preventive action. What is going to happen with us regular folks is that we will get so calloused with these new rumors of violence every day that only the smoke from an explosion will get our attention. . . . and then it is usually too late to help, as it was on 9-11. Right now, "ol Bin Ladin is getting the cheapest, and most effective, terror attack he ever dreamed of. . . . someone just whispers to a U.S. operative that a particular terror attack is "coming soon" and the whole country has something else new to worry and speculate about for a week or so.

Postal rates are scheduled to increase on June 30th. The first class numbers are clear cut, but until we have used it a couple of weeks, newspaper mailing actual costs are only a guess. Information distributed by the postal service this week indicates an average increase of 10%. However, there are a lot of variables involved, so we will wait and see. Whatever the increase, the bottom line is probably an increase in subscription costs. We assented the last postage increase and the last printing increase, but enough is enough, even for nice folks like us! Time will tell.

My fellow citizens,

My campaign has carried me into homes, businesses and country stores all across Coffee County.

Unfortunately, I did not receive enough votes to carry me into the General Election, but I wish to say "Thank You" to the many citizens who voted to "Replace Politics with Principles.... For a Change."

Continue to support the candidate of your choice by exercising one of your greatest rights as an American...*The Right to Vote!*

WESLEY DEVANE (R)

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of May 27, 2002, through June 2, 2002. They were: Jean Paul, Mozelle Parker, Marilyn Pam Donaldson, Cupidean McCollough, Neely Harrelson, Carlton Ray, Tony Burks, Doris Waters, Geraldine Hudson, Kadarus Thomas, Annie Emory, John Johnson, Patricia Jordan, Karen Huckabae, Katelyn Hutto, Alene English, Rayford Hodge, Jonathan Mitchell and Charles Jones. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Mozelle Parker, Lynna Parks, Melaine Pope, Harvey Sasser, Lucille Boswell, Leon Miller, Marilyn Donaldson, Frances Bryan, Judy Thompson, Ray Waters, Cupidean McCollough, Betty Parrish, Wallace Belcher, Geraldine Hudson, Doris Waters, Tony Burks, Katelyn Hutto, John Johnson, Kadarus Thomas, Ray Carlton and Neely Harrelson.

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Coffee County & Surrounding Counties - \$17 per year
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As more and more Americans log on to the Internet for news and information, their federal government is taking advantage of this immense electronic gateway to educate the public about benefits and services that many may not have known about. If you are on-line or can access the

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, May 27, 2002, investigated the following incidents: one criminal mischief, one obstruction of a government operation, one reckless endangerment, one possession of marijuana, one possession of methamphetamine, one harassing communication, one disorderly conduct, one domestic dispute, one possession of drug paraphernalia and one harassment.

The following arrests were made: one for obstruction of a government operation, one for possession of marijuana, two for domestic violence, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, and one for disorderly conduct.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for speeding, one for following too close, one for no tag, two for no insurance, one for attempting to elude, two for a violation of the seat belt law, one for driving with a revoked driver's license, and for reckless endangerment, one for driving with an expired driver's license, one for violation of the child restraint law, four for driving with a suspended driver's license and ten for no proof of insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, MAY 27 - River stage - 3.88 feet (6:09 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 3501 Cagwin Rd. 239 (3:56 p.m.); Alamo activated at Dollar General (7:27 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MAY 28 - Prowler reported at 1596 Powell Trailer Park, Lot 22 (12:03 a.m.); Prowler reported at Elba Villas, Apt. B-10 (12:11 a.m.); River stage - 3.83 feet (6:13 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched

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• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall
• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall
• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - Every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church center on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office
• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• MASONIC LODGE 176 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.
• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
• COFFEE WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
• AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room
• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
• CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll building
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

Federal benefits clearinghouse now on-line

web from a family member's home or a public library, you can learn more about federal programs through a new website. The idea that a single source be created so that Americans could find out about government benefits is long overdue. After all, there are literally hundreds of government programs out there. My offices, for example, are regularly peppered with inquiries from the public about federal assistance from farm programs,

Elba Police Report

to a wreck at the intersection of Hwy. 134 and County Rd. 460 (5:07 p.m.); Minor wreck reported in front of the old post office (5:41 p.m.); Minor wreck reported at 1545 E. Davis St. (8:05 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 - River stage - 4.12 feet (6:04 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 997 Winston St. (11:40 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MAY 30 - River stage - 4.86 feet (6:11 a.m.); Minor wreck reported on Hwy. 189 N past the city limits (2:36 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 189 N. (2:42 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 525 Payne St. (7:06 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MAY 31 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck at the intersection of County Rd. 306 and 321 (4:51 a.m.); River stage - 5.17 feet (6:07 a.m.); Minor wreck reported on Larkin Rd. (6:03 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 866 Claxton Ave. (7:05 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JUNE 1 - River stage - 4.97 feet (6:13 a.m.); Possible breaking and entering reported at 866 Cedar Lane Dr. (10:25 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 - River stage - 6.98 feet (6:37 a.m.); Fight in progress reported at Burch's, Trailer Court (6:08 p.m.).

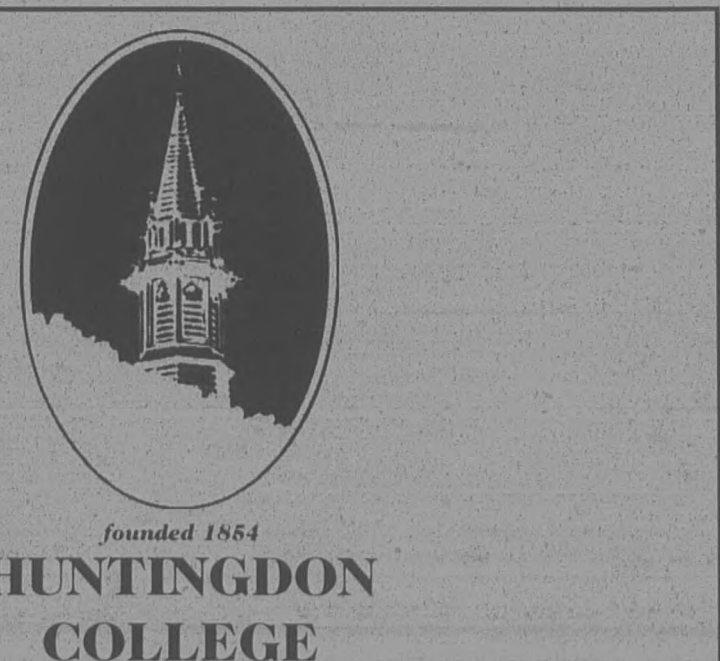
to education, to veterans, and Social Security benefits. Is there anywhere people can go to learn what is available to them from the federal government? The answer is yes. Recently, the federal government unveiled its new site "GovBenefits." Accessible via <http://www.govbenefits.gov>, GovBenefits serves as a screening tool to help you find government benefits that you may be eligible to receive. It does not offer applications for benefits or guarantee eligibility for specific programs, but it can get you started by showing you services which may affect you.

Of course, it's free to use the website and it only takes about five to 15 minutes of your time depending upon your personal situation. Once you log on, GovBenefits will ask several broad questions about you before getting more specific as you proceed. The information you provide is completely confidential and the site will not ask for information which could be used to identify you, such as asking for your name, address, phone, or Social Security number.

While you cannot apply for specific benefits through the GovBenefits site, it will direct you to contact information for each program. The GovBenefits site also offers a search option which can be used to obtain

ESJC News Briefs

***Tune up with non-impact exercise through Enterprise State Junior College's Leisure Swimming. Participants have the opportunity to maintain fitness through swimming in the College's indoor pool during select times set aside just for them. This summer semester the pool will be available for approximately 20 hours per week. The fee for individual participants is \$50.00 and \$65.00 for families. There is no registration deadline; participants may sign up at any time during the semester. For more information call 334-393-ESJC ext. 234.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Regardless of what those on the right say, Jimmy Carter is a national treasure.

He was defeated solely because of the public perception that he was indecisive in the Iranian hostage situation. Had he not happened, we would have been spared the Tax Reform Act of 1986, the biggest tax increase on the middle class ever. Additionally, he may have been right since few lives were lost rather than all the hostages. Habitat for Humanity, among the finest charitable organizations, would never have received the boost it needed had Carter not gotten involved. His work in Haiti got the mission accomplished. Bill Clinton did not want him to go. Since his presidency he has been an unofficial ambassador to the world and has done much good.

Now he goes to Cuba and everyone on the right opposes this because their man, President Bush, also opposes this.

We have never treated a Communist nation as poorly as Cuba. China, the largest Communist nation ever, we give a favored nation status. Why? Because it is good for Big Business.

Cuba cannot afford the things of which it is accused. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, little aid has come to Cuba. Additionally, if Cuba has been the site of weapons of mass destruction and chemical and biological weapons, the hawkish Bush administration would be shelling it from the sea or already on the Cuban mainland.

We need to work toward better relations with Cuba. Because of our 40 years wrecking the Caribbean nation's economy, it is now among the poorest nations in that sea. It was once the richest under the man we applauded. Castro's overthrowing Cuba may not buy as much as China, but it is in our hemisphere.

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Letter to the Editor.

On April 8, 2000, a terrible tragedy claimed the life of Kacy Lee Clark. Since that time, family and friends of Kacy Clark have tried to lay blame for their daughter and friend's death where blame is not due.

The Clark family will never know the heartfelt emotions that every member of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department has dealt with, while I am sure our emotions are not equal to theirs. Deputy Mark Anderson and Reserve Deputy Tim Allen

have re-lived that horrible night over and over again, always with the question in their minds, "Why did this happen?" The answer is always the same: "We will never know."

During this period from April 8, 2000 until now, Anderson and Allen have been called and thought of as murderers and liars. They have been accused of covering up the truth. They have heard countless unfounded and malicious rumors concerning their actions. Not only have they personally had to endure these slanderous comments, but also have their associates, families and friends. They are forever reminded of this tragic time in their lives every time the subject is mentioned, either by press or casual comments.

As a courtesy to the Clark, Anderson, and Allen families, I have purposefully not ever publicly commented on this issue unless questioned by the press or a concerned citizen. However, due to efforts by friends and family of Kacy Lee Clark to defame the character and the professional reputation of Deputy Mark Anderson and the integrity of Reserve Deputy Tim Allen, I feel it now necessary to publicly let the facts speak for themselves.

I do not believe it necessary to repeat all the events of April 8, 2000. The circumstances leading up to the collision that caused the death of Kacy Clark have already accurately been reported by the press.

The accident scene and events leading to the accident were thoroughly investigated by the Trooper J.R. Ward, Traffic Homicide Investigation with the Alabama Department of Public Safety. His experience and training provides him the knowledge to render opinions based on the facts and circumstances of an event occurrence. This investigation was also assisted by the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office. The Sheriff's Department in no way intervened in the accident investigation.

The Deputies who were involved were subject to interview and questioning as was any other witness.

In the final investigative report under the "Conclusion and Recommendations" section, Trooper J.R. Ward issued the following opinion:

"Driver of Vehicle #1 was operating her vehicle unlawfully according to Title 32-5A-195 by driving over the speed limit, by operating the vehicle unlawfully according to Title 32-5A-195 by eluding the police and operating her vehicle in a reckless manner according to Title 32-5A-190. This could also be described in Title 13A-6-24 as Reckless."

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Endangerment. Due to these broken traffic laws and criminal laws, the driver of Vehicle #1, Kacy Lee Clark, caused her own collision and caused her own death. The investigation also shows that Deputy Mark Anderson performed his duties lawfully and in no way contributed to the collision. It is the recommendation of this investigator that this case be presented to the next session of the Coffee County Grand Jury for review. No criminal indictments are sought."

An exact recording of all radio transmissions was recorded at the time of the occurrence at the E-911 dispatch location in Elba Police Department. This recording further supports the accuracy of the events of April 8, 2000 as they unfolded.

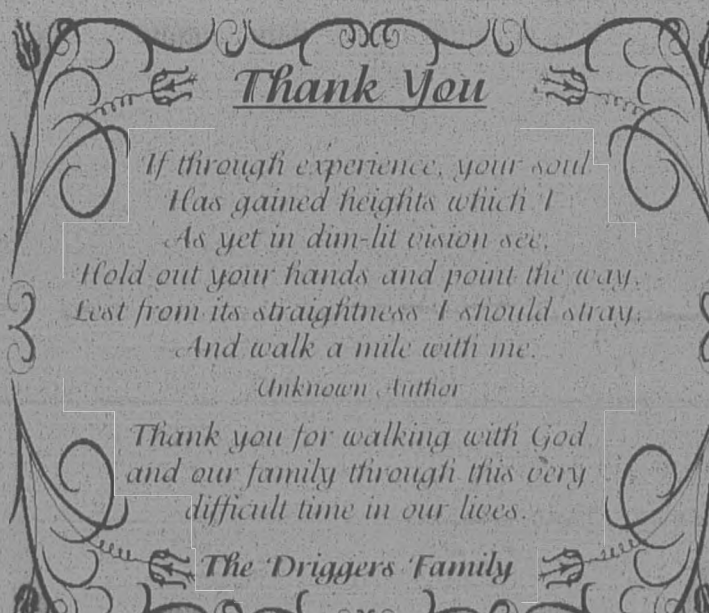
At the completion of the investigation, all the evidence along with the sworn testimonies of Deputy Mark Anderson and Reserve Deputy Tim Allen was presented to the Elba, Davidson County, 2000 Grand Jury. Deputy Anderson was exonerated of all criminal wrongdoing regarding the death of Kacy Lee Clark.

I hope that this long overdue response will lay to rest any doubt and speculation concerning this tragic event that prematurely took the life of Kacy Lee Clark.

In the Thursday, May 30, 2002 edition of The Elba Clipper, I quote one sentence written by the Clark family: "Let's never forget how tragically she died but pray that one way or another, we as her family can get some answers as to why she died so tragically and ease the pain that we endure on a daily basis because of our loss of her."

I pledge my prayers to this family and ask that you do the same.

Ben Moates
Sheriff of Coffee County



Obituaries

HUEY WILDON MORROW
Mr. Huey Wildon Morrow, age 71, of Marietta, Ga., a former resident of Elba, Ala., died June 2, 2002 at a hospital in Atlanta, Ga.

Funeral services were held June 4, 2002, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Ken Harrison officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes

Funeral Home directing. Survivors include one daughter: Dawna M. Godfrey, Marietta, Ga.; two sons: Craig Morrow, Norcross, Ga.; John Michael Morrow, Lawrenceville, Ga.; three sisters: Nell Bass, New Brockton, Frances Bradshaw, Elba, Josephine McDowell, Enterprise; two brothers: Henry D. Morrow, Orlando, Fla.; Daniel D. Morrow, Birmingham, Ala.; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. Survivors include several loving cousins.

INACOX
Ms. Ina Cox, age 82, of Troy, Ala., died June 3, 2002 at Pike Manor Health Care Center, Troy.

Words cannot express our appreciation for everyone's calls, cards, food, and visits during my recent illness and hospital stay. Most of all, thanks to everyone for your prayers and prayer lines that were formed in our behalf. Please continue your prayers for that is what has brought me thus far, and will help my continuing improvement.

The Entire Earl Stinson Family
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Elba teams walk over 13,000 miles during Coffee County Health Initiative

After the numbers were tallied, the 23 Elba teams participating in the Coffee County Health Initiative had walked 13,031.45 miles.

The Elba High School faculty took top honors with the members of that team walking a combined 944 miles over the eight week period.

All teams finished with impressive numbers and were commended for their commitment to walking.

The total miles walked for the other 22 teams was as follows:

Fast & Furious - 921.5;

Golden Girls - 855.25; Trailer

Trackers - 852; Zany Zoomers -

774.75; Young at Heart - 763;

Puffers - 702.75; NS Trekkers -

647; Top Cops - 623; Go Getters -

589.8; NS Walking Tiggers -

554.75; Tigers - 540.2; City

Striders - 524.5; Mickey's

Trekkers - 507; SouthTrust -

475.5; EES Walking Tiggers -

475.4; Pavement Pounders -

457.5; Kleiner's (Van McCally) -

394.8; Kleiner's (Martha Fleming) -

383.75; Speed Demons -

303; Money Changers -

266.5; Courthouse - 251; and

The Peoples Bank - 224.5.

Tuskegee University recruiting for Alabama Works Program

Tuskegee University, in conjunction with the State of Alabama, is promoting and recruiting participants for the Alabama Works Program. Those preparing for a career in aerospace/aviation manufacturing, automotive manufacturing or information technology may be eligible to participate in this program.

To qualify, a person must be between the ages of 18 and 21, have low income, a high school diploma or GED.

Financial assistance is available to assist with training, and applications are now being accepted through May 31. For additional information call 1-800-720-8698 or 334/724-4428.

Answers available on student financial aid

Alabamians can get questions answered about career planning and student financial aid for summer school during an online chat offered by Mapping Your Future on Thursday, June 13, from 6 to 7 p.m. Central time.



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COMMUNITY NEWS



Zion Chapel teachers and staff honored for their work at school

The faculty and staff of Zion Chapel Elementary School were honored with a day of good food and fun-filled activities on Tuesday, May 7, 2002. The activities were sponsored by donations from generous parents and the activities were coordinated by Mrs. Shirley Goodson, instructional aide at ZCES.

The day began with a scrumptious breakfast consisting of sausage biscuits, strawberry and blueberry muffins, a fruit tray, orange juice and soft drinks. The tables were set with bright red cloths and coordinating tableware.

For lunch the teachers were treated to something a little out of the ordinary. Parents volunteered to walk in the teachers' shoes for one hour so that the entire faculty could sit down to a meal together. At 10:45 a.m. the teachers went to a special room so that they could enjoy their meal. The room had been festively decorated with red and white checkered tablecloths and matching tableware. Special place cards containing a mystery number marked the spot for each person to sit. Dr. Linda Ingram, Superintendent of the Coffee County Schools, and Mr. Bob Andrews principal at ZCES

joined the teachers for this lovely lunch.

Once the group was seated, Mrs. Diane Smith, instructional aide, welcomed everyone and gave an impressive devotion. The devotional topic was "The Story of Teddy Stallard". It was a story that brought tears to everyone's eyes. It is easy to forget the real meaning of the word TEACHER because you get caught up in guidelines, rules, and regulations but in genuinely takes loving, caring individuals to survive in this profession. Each faculty member at ZCES exhibits these wonderful traits.

After the devotional a delicious lunch was served consisting of camp stew, cheeseball with crackers, and homemade chicken salad, and pimento cheese sandwiches. Submarine sandwiches were also part of the menu. Scrumptious desserts consisting of chocolate chip cookies, oatmeal cookies, and lemon squares rounded off the menu. Desserts were prepared by Mrs. Diane Smith, Mrs. Pam Flowers.

While everyone was enjoying their dessert Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Shirley Goodson surprised the group with a door prize drawing. Special door prizes

Poll officials attend required election school

All selected Alabama poll officials are required to attend a "Poll Officials School" prior to elections.

Probate Judge Bill Gammill said the classes usually last about one and a half hours, he normally holds one in the Elba courthouse and another in the Enterprise courthouse.

Above Gammill and Board of Registrar's member Ella Jean Vaughan are shown at the school in Elba explaining how to handle potential problems on election day.

BOE

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science teacher and coach at New Brockton High School.

New Brockton High School - Support

Non-renew Teresa Brewer, alternative education program aide at New Brockton High School.

New Brockton Elementary School - Certified

Non-renew Cathy White, kindergarten teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.

Grant tenure to Regina Kelley, fourth grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.

Accept the resignation of Faye Kelley, special education teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.

Project Independence - Certified

Transfer Lori Carter from her position as teacher at Project Independence to the position of county-wide preschool and multi-handicapped teacher, based at New Brockton.

Zion Chapel High School - Certified

Grant tenure to Michael Bird, band director at Zion Chapel High School.

Accept the resignation of Pam Vickers, part-time Spanish teacher at Zion Chapel High School.

Accept resignation of John McCrory as assistant football coach at Zion Chapel High School.

Zion Chapel High School - Support

Accept the resignation of Scott Quisenberry as assistant football coach at Zion Chapel High School.

Zion Chapel Elementary School - Certified

Non-renew Ember Griswold, fourth grade teacher at Zion Chapel Elementary School.

Non-renew Angie Jirright, kindergarten teacher at Zion Chapel Elementary School.

Non-renew Kristy Hudson, third grade teacher at Zion Chapel Elementary School.

Bus Shop

If James Knight, mechanic at the bus shop, continues to work through the end of June 2002, he will become a non-probationary employee.

Before approving these personnel changes, vice-chairman Danny Jernigan pointed out that these personnel recommendations are not easy things for Ingram to do; however, he said with the shortage of funds, it is simply something that must be done.



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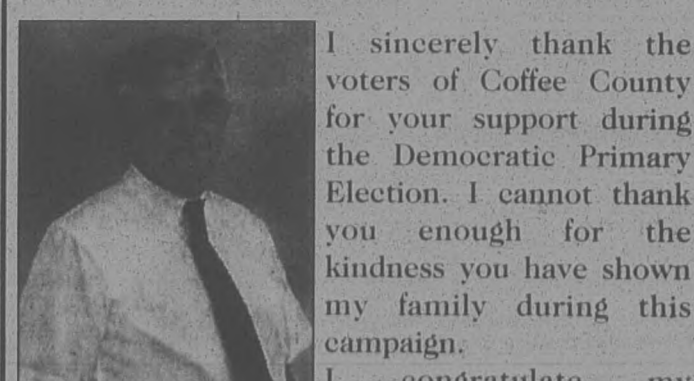
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Thank You



I sincerely thank the voters of Coffee County for your support during the Democratic Primary Election. I cannot thank you enough for the kindness you have shown my family during this campaign.

I congratulate my opponent, Ben Moates, on his nomination as the Democratic Candidate for the General Election in November, and I wish him luck as he seeks re-election as Sheriff of Coffee County.

Again, thank you for your support!!

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If you have some experience with a personal computer, but want to know more, then Enterprise State Junior College's special interest course Personal Computer Use Made Easy—Level II may interest you. This course is designed for those who have experience with keyboarding. Participants will learn the concepts of computer hardware components and database management and spreadsheets using Microsoft Works software. Successful completion of Personal Computer Use Made Easy—Level I is recommended but not required. A 3 1/2" diskette is required for the first class. There is a \$40.00 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is June 24. Class meets Mondays and Tuesdays, July 1-9, 5:30-7:30 p.m. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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Keith Ward

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The rains last week allowed the Mularz family to spend a few extra hours at the house instead of at the ball parks. However, while we may have all been at the house at the same time, we didn't exactly get in any "quality time" since the girls were in their rooms watching TV or talking on the phone. Mom was in the computer doing work on our family tree and Dad was in the den watching TV in between cat naps. Oh well, at least we were all under the same roof for a change.

SWINGS AND MISSES...

*** The Elba youth baseball and softball seasons will wrap up next week and that means the talk at the parks is about the selection of various all-star teams. This year the Elba leagues will be limited to only one team per league due to a lack of numbers and a directive from the District Commissioner, which means that the teams from Elba, Zion Chapel and New Brockton will all merge on one all-star team to compete in the sub-district tournaments. While that will cut the number of league players making the all-star teams from 26 to 13, it should also mean that the teams might be more competitive than in years past and actually have a shot at moving up the tournament ladder. I know that all parents want their children to be all-stars, and understand some of their complaints about the cut-back from two teams down to one. I also agree that there may very well be more than 13 players that deserve to be all-stars. However, there aren't 26 players that are really all-stars, and perhaps having only one team will make it even more of an honor to be selected. Next season the Elba leagues will charter only the teams from Elba and let Zion Chapel and New Brockton have their own league, but for now the coaches will have to come together and try to put the best teams possible on the field for the upcoming all-star tournaments.

The combination of players from Elba, Zion Chapel and New Brockton has certainly worked well for the Coffee County Bisons, a Dixie Pre-Majors team coached by Greg Hanchey and Alan Smith. The team has worked together and last week ripped the Enterprise Blues 12-2 to complete a sweep of the three Enterprise teams. This group of players has played in the same league since they were in Dixie Minor and have always played together in all-star games, and it has shown this season as they have dominated play in Dixie Pre-Majors action. It is great to see the players from the county schools playing together and making friendships that will last even when the scoreboard is turned off after the season ends.

Elba High athletes continued to be represented well on The Dothan Eagle's "Super 12" teams as Brandon Petty was chosen to the big school division as a pitcher. Petty stepped up and led the Tigers on the mound as he recorded a 7-2 record, with two saves, and the talented junior also excelled at the plate and in the field. Players from Elba High have been included on almost every Super 12 squad for the past three years, and it is great to know that our student athletes are getting the recognition they so richly deserve.

*** Alabama and Auburn saw their top pitchers in opening round action of last week's NCAA regional so that they would be ready when the two rivals met in round two, and while they did go in game two action, the game was a loser's bracket contest as the two state teams both got caught looking ahead and lost their openers. It has been a rule in athletics that you always worry about the game you are playing and never let the next possible game affect your decision making, but while Alabama and Auburn both have veteran coaches, they both let their thoughts of playing each other get in their judgment. I guess when Alabama and Auburn play it will always take center stage and that as long as they can beat each other the other games don't really matter.

*** In closing....the Ozark Patriots opened their season last week and had big crowds on hand on their opening two nights to watch games against Pensacola. The pro league that was in existence years ago was highly successful and many think the new league may follow suit. However, there weren't major league games on the TV back years ago, and often the local pro team was the only show in town. I hope the league is successful, but until it gets going with some local publicity and gets the entire Wiregrass involved, I can't see it going beyond one season.

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Kinston's Cotney named "Coach of the Year"

Brandon Petty named to Super 12 baseball squad

The Dothan Eagle announced its 2002 "Super 12" high school baseball selections last week and included among the honorees were Elba's Brandon Petty, Kinston's Patrick Nelson and Cody Sansom, and Kinston's Coach Larry Cotney.

Petty, a junior for the Tigers, posted a 7-2 record on the mound with a 2.20 earned run average and 2 saves, and also batted .431 to earn Super 12 honors in the big school division.

"Brandon really stepped up and became a leader on and off the field for us this season," stated Elba's Coach Wynn Grimes. "We knew he could be one of our top pitchers and had him penciled in the rotation, but he really took charge and became one of the top pitchers in the area and won half of the games we won this season. He definitely deserved to be a Super 12 selection."

Nelson and Sansom, both seniors at Kinston, were honored as members of the small school Super 12 squad. Nelson posted a 4-0 record with a 1.57 earned run average as a pitcher, while at the plate he batted .447 with 27 rbi's, 46 runs scored and 20 stolen bases. Sansom recorded an 11-2 record on the mound with 2 saves and 96 strike-outs, while at the plate he batted .340 with 21 rbi's.

Kinston Bulldogs head coach Larry Cotney was named the small school "Coach of the Year," and stated "We had almost every starter returning

and all had at least one year of experience. We also had eight seniors on the team and they knew what it took to be successful. I expected us to be competitive, but to make it to the state semifinals, I never expected that."

Following is a complete list of the 2002 Super 12 selections in both divisions:

Super 12 - Big Schools

Clint Wade - Northview, Jason Hightower - Northview, Jason Myers - Northview, Anthony Joseph - Carroll, Stephen Dawson - Eufaula, Jeremy Smith - Ashford, Michael Constable - Dale County, Daryl Harper - Daleville, Drew Roney - Geneva, Matt Burton - Geneva, Matt Cook - Rehoboth, Brandon Petty - Elba.

Player of the Year - Clint Wade, Northview

Coach of the Year - John Hightower, Northview

Super 12 - Small Schools

Ronny Woods - G.W. Long, Adrian Ryals - Geneva County, Patrick Kelley - Houston Academy, Dan Tankersly - Houston Academy, Thomas Harrison - Wicksburg, Ben McNeal - G.W. Long, Patrick Nelson - Kinston, Cody Sansom - Kinston, Zak Knight - Dixie Academy, Craig Karth - Emmanuel Christian, Corey Camp - Northside Methodist.

Player of the Year - Ronny Woods, G.W. Long

Coach of the Year - Larry Cotney, Kinston

Elba's Petty and Henderson named honorable mention "All-State" in prep baseball

The Alabama Sports Writers Association announced its 2002 "All-State" high school baseball teams last weekend, with Kinston's Cody Sansom earning All-State honors in Class 1A, while Bulldog teammate Patrick Nelson and the Elba duo of Brandon Petty and Marcus Henderson also received honorable mention.

Sansom, a senior, posted an 11-2 record on the mound for the Bulldogs, along with 2 saves, with a 2.29 earned run average and 96 strike-outs. The Bulldog standout also batted .340 with 21 rbi's.

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BRANDON PETTY...of Elba, was named to the Super 12 high school baseball squad by The Dothan Eagle. Petty led the Tiger staff with seven wins during the 2002 season and led Elba into the 3A state playoffs.

Elba Parks & Recreation Baseball & Softball Schedules

BASEBALL

Tee Ball Baseball
Hawkins-Williams Field #3
Monday, June 10
6:00 - Giants vs. Phillies
Tuesday, June 11
6:00 - Phillies vs. Giants

Coach Pitch Baseball
Hawkins-Williams Field #1
Thursday, June 6
6:00 - Rockies vs. Dodgers
Tuesday, June 11
6:00 - Dodgers vs. Gamecocks
7:30 - Rockies vs. Reds

Dixie Minor Baseball & Dixie Youth Baseball
Thursday, June 6
In Elba,
6:00 - Cardinals vs. Gamecocks
7:45 - Pirates vs. Kinston
In Zion Chapel,
6:00 - ZC Black vs. Samson Pirates
7:45 - Zion Chapel vs. Rays
Saturday, June 8
In New Brockton,
9:00 - Cardinals vs. Samson Pirates
11:00 - Kinston vs. ZC Red
1:00 - ZC Black vs. Samson Braves
3:00 - Zion Chapel vs. Samson D'Backs
5:00 - Gamecocks vs. Marlins
7:00 - Gamecocks vs. Indians
Monday, June 10
In Elba,
6:00 - Astros vs. Cardinals
7:45 - Pirates vs. Indians
In Zion Chapel,
6:00 - ZC Red vs. ZC Black
7:45 - Zion Chapel vs.

SOFTBALL

Dixie Angels Softball & Dixie Ponytails Softball
Hawkins-Williams Field #2
Thursday, June 6
6:00 - Blaze vs. Twisters
7:30 - Patriots vs. ZC Red
Friday, June 7
6:00 - Gamecocks vs. Zion Chapel
7:30 - Patriots vs. Gamecocks
Field #1,
6:00 - Stars vs. ZC Black
(End of regular season)

Dixie Belles Softball
Elba High School
Thursday, June 6
6:00 - Brantley vs. Curve
7:30 - Devil Rays vs. River Bandits
(End of regular season)

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SPORTS

In Enterprise fast-pitch tourney

Elba Lookouts claim third place

The Lookouts, of Elba, competed in the 13-15 division of the Enterprise Fast-Pitch Softball Classic last weekend and posted two wins and two losses to place third in the six-team event.

The Enterprise Orioles won the tournament championship, followed by the Enterprise Devil Rays and the Lookouts.

Following are highlights of the four tournament games:

Devil Rays 6

Lookouts 5

The Lookouts began tournament action early Saturday morning and saw a win slip away late as they fell to the Enterprise Devil Rays 6-5. The Lookouts sneaked ahead 2-1 in the fourth inning when Hannah Manning scored after being hit with a pitch and Summer Stricklin scored on a fielder's choice. However, the Lookouts committed six errors in the bottom of the fifth to allow the Devil Rays to plate five runs and grab a 6-2 advantage. A triple by Valerie Hutcherson knocked in two runs in the top of the sixth, and Hutcherson later scored on a passed ball as the Lookouts pulled within 6-5, but they left the potential lying on base and look the narrow loss. Valerie Hutcherson got the only hit of the game for the Lookouts, while Stephanie Baxley took the loss on the mound despite tossing a 3-hitter and striking out 8 batters.

Lookouts 9

Phil's BBQ 5

The Lookouts scored seven runs in the top of the seventh inning to pull ahead and held on to defeat Phil's BBQ, of Eufaula, 9-5 in elimination action. The Lookouts grabbed a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning behind the hitting of Melanie Mularz and Becky Stinson and held the lead until the sixth, when two errors allowed Phil's BBQ to pull even at 2-2. The Lookouts were not ready to head back to Elba, however, and scored seven runs in the top of the seventh to take command. Valerie Hutcherson and Summer Stricklin had key hits early in the inning to get the rally started, while Melanie Mularz drove in a run with a long sacrifice fly and Haley Stinson knocked in three runs with a line drive double. Phil's scored three runs in the bottom of the frame, but the Lookouts easily held on to claim the wild win. Stephanie Baxley, Melanie Mularz, Becky Stinson, Haley Stinson, Valerie Hutcherson, Summer Stricklin and Heather Reeves all got one hit.

Troy to host adult

and youth softball

tournaments in June

The Troy Sportsplex will host a number of softball tournaments in the month of June for both youth and adults. The monthly schedule is as follows:
*** The ASA Men's Class D Worth Challenge Series and True State Qualifier softball tournament will be held on June 6-7. Trophies will be given to the top four teams, with t-shirts to the members of the winning team. Entry fee is \$150 per team and teams must have matching jerseys. Deadline to enter is June 6, and to enter call Pam Nix at 670-6051 or 566-4031.

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hit and scored one run in the win. Stephanie Baxley got the win on the mound as she pitched seven innings and allowed four hits and seven walks, while striking out 10 batters.

Lookouts 10

Eufaula A's 1

The Lookouts pulled ahead early and slowly pulled away to eliminate the Eufaula A's 10-1, in the loser's bracket finals. A lead-off home run by Valerie Hutcherson and a triple by Melanie Mularz helped the Lookouts jump out to a quick 2-0 lead, only to see the A's score in the bottom of the frame to cut the lead to 2-1. Consecutive hits by Valerie Hutcherson, Melanie Mularz, Becky Stinson and Haley Stinson ignited a three-run rally in the third inning as the Lookouts upped their lead to 4-1, while Hutcherson, Becky Stinson and Haley Stinson added three singles in the fourth as the Lookouts increased their lead to 9-1. Brittany Dudley scored in the fifth as the Lookouts moved on top 10-1, and they easily held on to post the big win. Valerie Hutcherson had 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Lookouts at the plate, while Melanie Mularz added 2 hits and scored 3 runs and Becky Stinson and Haley Stinson both added 2 hits and scored 1 run. Heather Reeves had one hit for the Lookouts.

Melanie Mularz got the win on the mound for the Lookouts and she pitched four innings and allowed one run on two hits, while Stephanie Baxley came in to relieve and tossed two innings and struck out four batters.

Devil Rays 7

Lookouts 4

The Lookouts saw their tournament run come to an end as they were eliminated by the Enterprise Devil Rays 7-4. Becky Stinson tripled and later scored on a fielder's choice as the Lookouts were tied at 1-1 after one inning of play. However, the Devil Rays combined two hits with one error to move on top 5-1 in the third. Hannah Manning delivered an RBI single in the bottom of the third and Stephanie Baxley walked and later scored in the fourth as the Lookouts closed to within 5-3. The Devil Rays added two runs in the fifth as the Lookouts increased their lead to 7-3, and the Lookouts ran out of gas as they dropped the 7-4 decision. Becky Stinson got 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Lookouts at the plate, while Stephanie Baxley added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Valerie Hutcherson and Hannah Manning also added 1 hit. Stephanie Baxley took the loss on the mound despite allowing only 4 hits and striking out 5 batters.

Let's Go....

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Tips for putting more crappie in the boat

The warming days of May are ushering in another fishing season, and all across Alabama crappie fishermen are out in full force.

Crappie are perhaps the most popular panfish in the country," said Dean Heimerman, of "Alumacraft Boats." "The papermouths" are widely distributed, active all year around, taste great and are loads of fun to catch."

To help Alabamians catch more crappie this year, Heimerman shares these tips from members of the Alumacraft Anglers Club.

In early spring, fish the shallows. This is the season when crappie feed aggressively and are easy to find. The fish move to the shallows to spawn, so anglers will have the most success fishing near the shore.

Use fish finders in late spring and summer. Later in the season, as the water warms, crappie move to deeper waters where they congregate around bottom structure. Use a fish finder to locate submerged standing timber, especially trees with many branches.

Shoot jigs under docks. Brush and trees piled under docks create great habitat that may not be detectable with standard fish finders.

Jig slowly. Crappie feed on insects and small fish that don't move fast, so they don't strike fast moving jigs. Bounce jigs slowly and run the boat slowly as well.

Change jig color. After taking 10 or 15 crappie from a school, the fish may quit biting. This does not necessarily mean the school has moved. Try using a jig of a different color to reactivate the school. You may get another 10 to 15 fish.

Sprinkle scales on the water. Another way to reactivate a school that has stopped feeding is to scale a crappie that you have already caught and sprinkle the scales on the water. Wait 30-40 seconds, and then drop a jig again. The scales flutter and create the appearance of bait fish, which stimulates the crappie to start feeding again.

Use a good crappie boat. Fishing is always easier and

more productive in a boat that is well suited to an angler's needs. For crappie fishing, boats like Alumacraft's Crappie Pro is a good example where the designers understand the needs of the angler.

While most crappie fishermen take to the water during daylight hours this time of year, as the weather warms crappie fishermen will spend more time fishing under the Moon and stars. Night fishing offers several advantages. It's not as hot, one can get in several hours of fishing after work, and crappie can often be attracted to your boat with a light.

The once lowly crappie has become more popular in recent years with specialty boats, rods, and reels designed just for the crappie fishermen. Grab a handful of jigs or a bucket of minnows and head to a crappie hole. It's a lot of fun catching them and the friends you invite to the fish fry will enjoy eating them as much as you did catching them.



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Youngsters take flight at Elba Fly-in



The annual Elba Fly-in was held last weekend at the Elba airport, and aviation enthusiasts had plenty to check out with the many different types of aircraft on hand. As always, a highlight of the event was the Young Eagles program which allowed youngsters to take a flight with the program's aviators. Upon completion of the flight, the youngsters received a certificate of completion. Austin Johnson, son of Glen and Kerry Johnson of Elba, is shown above preparing for his flight. After getting strapped in and putting on his headset, Austin took an approximate 10 minute flight around Elba while his mother and younger brother, Chance, waited for him on land.

Coffee County Commission considering consolidation of voting houses

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Several commissioners seemed to have differing viewpoints on how the issues should be handled Monday morning, June 10, during the regular bimonthly meeting of the commission.

The first item to draw a red flag from a commissioner dealt with a motion to approve a cost of living adjustment for the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency (EMA).

John Tallas, EMA director for Coffee County, was allowed to address the commission concerning the cost of living adjustment. Tallas asked the commission to approve a 2.6 percent adjustment for his department, and he said he was asking for this now because he is in the process of preparing his budget for next year. Tallas also asked the commission to approve his request in a manner in which the commission chairman would be able to make this decision each year without him addressing the commission each time, and a motion was made to this effect.

Commissioner Robert Stephens questioned the commission's consideration of the motion seeing as that Tallas was not originally on the meeting's agenda. Tallas responded by indicating he would not be able to complete his budget proposal for submission until the commission considered the matter. "The way I see it he is only trying to prepare his budget," said commissioner Bernest Brooks.

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NOTICE

Speaker Seth Hammett, Senator Jimmy Holley, Representative Terry Spicer and Department of Transportation Director Paul Hollis announce that there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the replacement of Ballard Bridge on Highway 84 between Enterprise and Ogo on Tuesday, June 18, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

With that said, Brooks made a motion to suspend the rules concerning issues not on the agenda to allow the commission to vote on the original motion. After receiving a second, the motion passed with all commissioners voting in favor except Stephens and Kayo Lewis.

"If I heard right, this motion gives the chairman ability to approve this each year without us," Lewis said. "I don't approve of that."

Stephens then made a motion to amend the original motion to allow the commission to vote on this matter each year. He received a second from Commissioner Linda Westbrook, and the amendment passed with an unanimous vote.

At that point, the focus of the commission returned to the original motion with the amendment added, and this motion was approved with Lewis casting the lone opposing vote.

The next matter to create a stir among commissioners involved a motion to send out bids for cleaning service at the

Enterprise Courthouse.

County administrator Wilson Mobley was not present for the meeting, and his assistant said Mobley left word that the bids needed to be sent out immediately so they could be ready for opening at the next commission meeting.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple questioned the urgency of this matter and wanted to know why it came up at the last minute.

"I have tried for years to get this done, but we don't have to vote on issues that we don't know anything about," Brooks said.

The motion was approved, however, Dalrymple said he wanted the chairman to check into matters such as this last minute request and find a solution to the problem.

The disapproval expressed by the individual commissioners led commission chairman Tom Gimsley to make a motion that all year-to-year bids up for renewal be brought to the attention of the commission one month in advance of the renewal time.

Dalrymple supplied the second to this motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dalrymple made a motion to have air conditioning units placed in the three voting houses in his district that are currently without a cooling device. Those voting houses are the ones at Mount Pleasant, Goodman and the Perry community. His motion passed unanimously, and led to a proposal by commissioner Lewis which received mixed emotions from his peers.

Lewis said the days of the mules and wagons are over and Coffee County has some voting houses within a mile of each other; therefore, he proposed that the county look at consolidating and get rid of some of the

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During New Brockton Town Council meeting Financial concerns expressed

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A bit of gloom overshadowed the regular monthly meeting of the New Brockton Town Council Monday evening, June 10, as council members searched for answers concerning the town's financial status.

The financial report as of May 31, 2002 found the town showing \$5,381.61 as the balance in the check book with \$5,217.80 in bills left to be paid.

Mayor Charles Cole said the town's reserve fund currently shows \$5,900 in which he said it appeared would need to be used to allow the city clerk to pay the month's bills and meet the payroll.

Council member Ron McMonagle said the town is trying to operate on the basic services, but unfortunately, the money coming in right now is not equivalent to what is going out.

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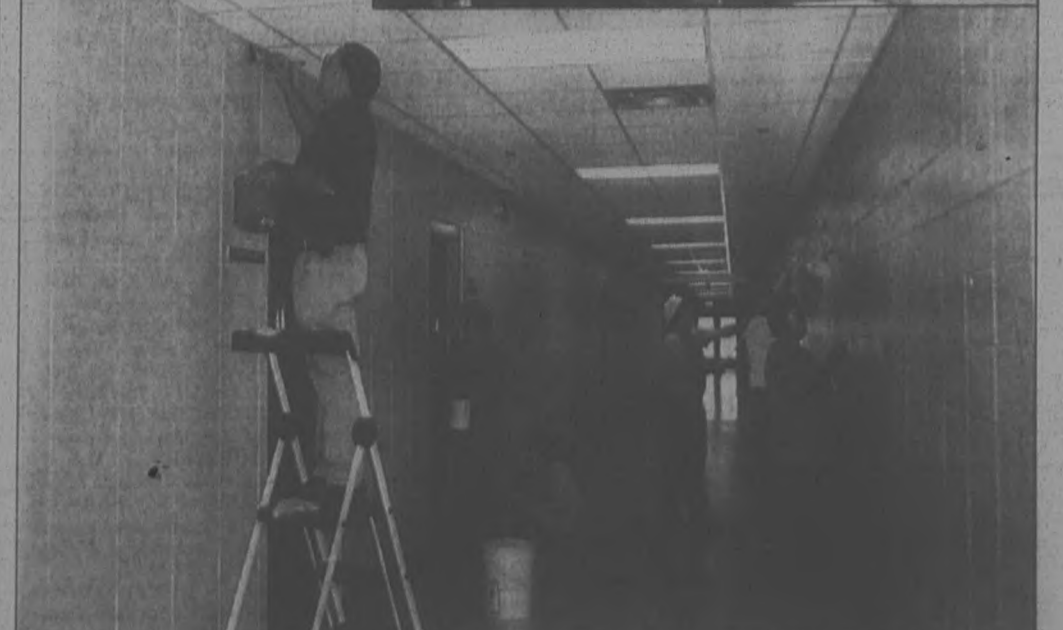
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SCHOOL WORK...As the student's departed the halls of the Elba City Schools last month, it certainly did not mean it was time to play for the extended contract personnel. Instead, these staff members have been working hard recently taking care of whatever tasks might need doing in order to keep the Elba City Schools looking good. Last week, several staff members were found serving as painters and steam cleaning operators as the coaches took time to clean the football stadium and the career technical instructors at the high school painted the walls along the senior high hall. With education funding being in the shape it is in, Elba High School principal Mike Williams said he appreciates his staff members who always seem willing to do whatever they can to help keep the school looking good. In the top picture, coach Bill Rayborn cleans the bleachers at Tiger Stadium with a steam cleaner while the bottom picture captures the career technical instructors applying a fresh coat of paint to the walls. The painters include (from left): Larry Goodson, Donna Clark, Martha Crawford, Bruce Sasser, Donald Lawford and Ingrid Clark.